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TAGS: PORG, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI PERSPECTIVE ON ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

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1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR ARAB LEAGUE AFFAIRS, MOHAMMAD AL-FAYIZ,
WHO ATTENDED ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN CAIRO, ECHOES
ENTHUSIASM OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABD AL-RAHMAN AL-
MANSOURI REPORTED IN REFTEL OVER RESULTS OF CAIRO MEETING.
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FAYIZ TOLD POL CON ON APRIL 9 THAT SAG BELIEVES MOST IMPOR-
TANT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF CAIRO MEETING WAS ESTABLISHMENT OF
ARAB SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE TO BRING ABOUT ARAB RECONCIL-
IATION. FAYIZ SAID SAUDI ARABIA WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY
BE MEMBER OF COMMITTEE. UAE, NORTH YEMEN, AND JORDAN WILL
PROBABLY BE MEMBERS ALSO. FAYIZ DID NOT MENTION ALGERIA,
BUT HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT PLO WOULD BE GOOD CANDIDATE

FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP. PLO HAD PLAYED VERY RESPONSIBLE
ROLE AT CAIRO MEETING. IN ADDITION, IT IS ABLE TO TALK TO
BOTH EGYPTIANS AND SYRIANS, AS WELL AS REJECTIONIST STATES.
MAHMOUD RIAD WILL ALSO WORK WITH COMMITTEE.

2. FAYIZ SAID HE EXPECTED TO SEE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD
RECONCILIATION MADE DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS. PLANIS TO
CONCENTRATE EFFORTS ON DAMASCUS FIRST. AFTER THAT, COM-
MITTEE WILL DIRECT EFFORT TO CAIRO. FINAL STAGE WILL BE
SUMMIT MEETING INKHARTOUM, WHICH HE SAID WOULD CONSTITUTE
"SULHA".

3. WHEN ASKED IF SUMMIT AGENDA WOULD INCLUDE QUEWTION OF
LEBANON, FAYIZ SID MAIN AGENDA ITEM WOULD BE RECONCILIATION
AND SOLIDARITY. LEBANESE QUESTION WILL THEN FALL INTO
PLACE.
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